**PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

**Northeast Task Force**

**05/20/2016**

**Florence, KY**

Present: Johnnie Monroe (Chairperson), Laura Krauss, Oscar Heyward, Selma Jackson,

Shavon Starling-Louis, Cathy Surgenor, Margaret Mwale (Staff)

Guest: Alonzo Johnson, Ruth Farrell

The Northeast Task Force meeting **convened** at 1:45 P.M. with prayer and sharing of joys and concerns

Johnnie welcome Alonzo (incoming SDOP Interim Coordinator and Ruth Farrell, Presbyterian Hunger Program Coordinator)

The agenda and Minutes from the Task Force’s **April 14,** 2016 conference call meeting were **approved**

**APPLICATIONS AND PRECEIS**

**SN15013 Street Vendor Project** **New York, NY**

Oscar Heyward who completed a site visit to this project reported on it. The **application was reviewed and it was determined to meet the SDOP criteria. The Task Force will recommend this project on May 21 to the National Committee for validation and funding for $15,000, payable quarterly.** Oscar will write the précis.

**SN15016 People Power Campaign** **Poughkeepsie, NY**

Laura Krauss who completed a site visit to this project reported on it. The **application was reviewed and it was determined to meet the SDOP criteria. The Task Force will recommend this project on May 21 to the National Committee for validation and funding for $15,000, payable quarterly.** Laurawill write the précis.

**SN16004 Immigrant Access to Higher Education New York, NY**

Cathy Surgenorwho completed a site visit to this project reported on it. The **application was reviewed and it was determined to meet the SDOP criteria. The Task Force will recommend this project on May 21 to the National Committee for validation and funding for $15,000, payable quarterly.** Cathy will write the précis.

**SN16005**

After discussing this project, the Task Force **agreed for Laura and Selma Jackson to conduct a site visit.**

**CERTIFICATION**

Hudson Presbytery SDOP Committee – Certified

Genesee Valley Presbytery SDOP Committee – Certified

Long Island Presbytery SDOP Committee – Certified with workshop required. It will be conducted by Selma and Laura. The date is to be determined.

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

Upcoming

**OTHER BUSINESS**

GA: Pittsburg Presbyterywill bring up the plight of the African American male before GA. This is an issue that has also resonated/been affirmed in Baltimore, Cleveland, Charlotte and New York city. Alonzo will talk with Sterling Moss (Racial Ethnic Ministries) and Sara Lisherness about how SDOP could be a part of this.

There was also conversation on making future attempts to remind/share SDOP’s philosophy with the denomination and to do instructional workshops in the above mentioned cities.

Johnnie thanked Selma, Oscar and Cathy for their service and bid them farewell on behalf of the committee.

**MEETING DATES**

September 22-24 in conjunction with the National Committee meeting in Pittsburg, PA.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Mwale